

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 4, line 17 with the following amended paragraph:

Fig. 3 is a ~~front central longitudinal cross-sectional view showing the same~~ vertical section view with parts broken away;

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 4, line 19 with the following amended paragraph:

Fig. 4 is a ~~fragmentary perspective view showing a massaging roller mount portion~~ left side view showing another embodiment of a guide slit;

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 4, line 21 with the following amended paragraph:

Fig. 5 is a fragmentary sectional side view showing the massaging roller mount portion;

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 4, line 23 with the following amended paragraph:

Fig. 6 is a ~~left side view showing another embodiment of a guide slit~~ fragmentary perspective view showing a massaging roller mount portion;

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 5, line 17 with the following amended paragraph:

A description of the roller drive device 1 will be given in more details. Reference numeral 4 denotes a frame, which houses the whole roller drive device 1. The frame 4 is formed in a channel-like plate shape by a lengthwise rectangular plate-shaped base portion 4a and left and right edge portions 4b, 4b standing upright from the left and right edges of the base portion along the longitudinal direction thereof. The left and right edge portions 4b, 4b are respectively provided with longitudinal (vertical) guide slits 4c. As shown in Fig. 2, each guide slit 5c is curved gently (as seen from the front) so as to make a dent in its intermediate portion, and is therefore adapted to a back curve natural for aged users as well. Incidentally, it is to be understood that each guide slit 4c might be curved in a desired shape as one like the letter S, which makes it possible to keep the ideal figure, as shown in Fig. 6 4, for instance, without being limited to the above embodiment.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 8, line 27 with the following amended paragraph:

In Figs. 8 and 9, a reference numeral 22 denotes a surface cover for covering the whole back base body ~~to~~ 19 incorporating the roller drive device 1. The surface cover 22 has left and right insertion slits for allowing the fastening belts 19a, 19b to pull out to the outside, and a fastener 23 is mounted to each of the left and right insertion slits. A longitudinal fastener 24 is also provided in the widthwise center of the surface cover for allowing the easy detachment of the cover.